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The Nugget E-News

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## GOLD HILL NEWS



### Used Book Sale

### Books on Sale!

The Gold Hill Church Library is holding a 'Used Book Sale' for the next several weeks in the Fellowship Hall. New books will be added weekly and the low, low prices are more than reasonable! Please check out the fine selection offered and add to your winter reading today. Questions? Talk to Miriam Haley or Ann Drew.

### LWR Baby Care Kits

Thank you to all who donated and helped assemble the kits on God's Work Our Hands (GWOH) Sunday, September 9, 2018. We'll be collecting needed additional items during Lent for the kits and assembling them after Easter to be ready for the Lutheran World Relief May shipment. Look for more information soon. For details please check with Judy Aaker (406) 221-7374.



### Butte Emergency Food Bank



Let's tackle hunger in our community. The Food Bank item for February is soup (both canned & dry mixes). Please drop your donations off before February 28 and leave them in the Fellowship Hall, one of the baskets at each sanctuary door, or in the church office. Thank you for your generosity!

### Calendar:

**We Deliver -  
Sack Lunch Ministry**  
meets at 9:00 am  
Monday, February 18

**LWR Quilters**  
meet at 9:30 am  
Wednesday, February 20

**Gold Hill Choir**  
meets at 6:30 pm  
Wednesday, February 20

**Overeaters Anonymous**  
meets @ 6:15 pm  
Wednesday, Feb. 20  
**Al-Anon**  
meets at 7:30 pm  
Wednesday, Feb. 20

**Prayer Shawl  
Knitting Ministry**  
meets at 10:00 am  
at Big Sky Senior  
Living Center  
Thursday, February 21

**Copper Cloggers**  
meet 1 - 4 pm  
Thursday, February 21

**Worship Service:**  
at 9:30 am  
**Coffee Hour:**  
at 10:45 am  
**Sunday School:**  
at 10:45 am  
**Confirmation Class:**  
at 11:00 am  
Sunday, February 24

**Dear members of the Montana Synod:  
You are invited to participate in the  
Montana Synod Vision Questionnaire,**



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which is being conducted in anticipation of the nomination and election process for a new synod bishop. This questionnaire has been developed by the Task Force appointed by the Synod Council, in conjunction with Planning, Research and Evaluation, part of the ELCA's Office of the Presiding Bishop. The Task Force believes this questionnaire will be very important in informing the election process and in allowing nominees, voting members, and everyone in the synod to reflect prayerfully on priorities and leadership needs of the synod.

Every attendee of every congregation is invited to complete this survey and you are encouraged to do so at **[THIS LINK](#)**.

A summary of the results will be prepared by Planning, Research, and Evaluation and given to the synod office for distribution. The summary is intended to contribute to the synod's discernment and prayerful preparation for the bishop election. **Please complete the questionnaire by March 1st, 2019.**

Please contact Dann Taylor ([daniel.taylor@elca.org](mailto:daniel.taylor@elca.org) or 773-380-2990) if you have any questions.

Thanks in advance for your participation!

**Bible Study Opportunities:**

**Group Study** every Thursday  
September through May at  
6:30 am @ Perkins  
Restaurant

**Women's Gather  
Bible Study** meets  
the second Tuesday of the  
month at 9:30 am at  
Big Sky Senior Living  
Center on Waterford Way,  
in the Library

**LINKS:**

**[Click here to visit our  
growing website!](#)**

**[Click here to visit our  
FB page and "like" us!](#)**

**[Click here to visit our  
Church Library Page!](#)**

**Words from the Bishop:  
Our Saviour's Rocky Boy**



This past weekend, led by Pastor Jason Asselstine, youth from around the Synod came together for a mid-winter youth gathering at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church on the Rocky Boys Reservation. Our Saviour's is actually one of the oldest congregations in the Montana Synod, and it is one of the oldest Native American ministries in the ELCA. As a kid growing up in Camp Hill, Pennsylvania, I knew about Our Saviour's in Rocky Boy because our congregation supported it. We had a mosaic map of the world in our narthex, with brightly colored squares where there were missionaries that we supported as a congregation. There were missionaries in Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America and a single one in the United States-- Our Saviour's Rocky Boy. Little did I know that I would grow up, move to Montana, and become very well acquainted with Our Saviour's Rocky Boy.

The ministry at Rocky Boy has changed over the decades. The Rocky Boys Reservation was the last reservation to be set up in Montana--after much advocacy by people like the artist Charlie Russell and others. Eventually the Chippewa and Cree peoples were granted a reservation in the Bears Paw Mountains, north of Great Falls and south of Havre. When the Lutherans first came to the reservation there were few social services offered by the government. So the Lutherans provided services. In those days, if you had a need, you went to "the mission" to get it filled. "The mission" also offered worship, Christian education, and many of the activities that congregations everywhere offer.

Over the years the tribal government was able to provide more and more services that had previously been provided by the churches--both Lutheran and Catholic. Our Saviour's still provides layettes for newborns, a thrift shop, and other forms of outreach to the community. One year, when a flood destroyed buildings including the new health center, Our Saviour's was the FEMA distribution point. The "Big Church" is often used by the community for wakes and events, and the pastor is invited to teach in the tribal college.

**CHURCH COUNCIL  
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Grants help programming—from a sewing group to a girls group, from food distribution to Vacation Bible School and camp scholarships.

Our Saviour's also serves the wider church, hosting immersion events and seminars for seminarians and congregations, and hosting servant groups. The Montana Synod youth at Rocky Boy this past weekend learned about the Chippewa and Cree, and also participated in a service project for a needy family. This can be a transformative experience. Consider making a visit to Rocky Boy yourself.

Jessica Crist, Bishop

## *Gold Hill Lutheran Church Welcomes You!*

***Are you looking for a place to connect with a faithful community, grow in faith, and put your talents to work in serving others? Look no further, we welcome you at Gold Hill Lutheran Church! To learn more about the mission and ministry of Gold Hill Lutheran Church, please contact Pastor Laurie Jungling at 406-723-4242.***